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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. EC SPLITS ON SECRETARY'S ENERGY PROPOSAL

EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET HAS EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP, AND AGREES THAT EARLY ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE MATTER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS SOME EC MEMBERS ARE MAKING ON A BILATERAL BASIS WITH ARAB PRODUCERS CAN CAUSE FRICTION BETWEEN THE US, JAPAN, AND THE EC, AND AMONG EC MEMBERS AS WELL. SUCH APPROACHES SHOULD BE COORDINATED AMONG ALL CONSUMER COUNTRIES AND PRODUCERS. SIMONET NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, NOTABLY EC PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND THE FRENCH, DO NOT SHARE THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON THE SOLUTION TO THE ENERGY CRISIS.

(CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 7417, 12/20.

2. ITALY MAY REQUEST TERRORISTS EXTRADITION

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VARIOUS ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS REPORTED DECEMBER 20 THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE ZAGARI HAS INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS THAT A REQUEST FOR THE EXTRADITION FROM KUWAIT

OF THE FIUMICINO AIRPORT TERRORISTS IS IN PREPARATION. A JUSTICE MINISTRY CONTACT HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY ROME THAT EXTRADITION IS "UNDER STUDY" AND SAID THAT PUBLIC OPINION WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY FORCE A FORMAL REQUEST. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBT THAT KUWAIT WOULD RETURN THE TERRORISTS TO ITALY. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ROME 14162, 12/20.

3. PROSECUTION OF ARAB TERRORISTS

THE KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS DECEMBER 20 THAT KUWAIT AND MOROCCO HAVE DECIDED TO TURN THE HIJACKERS OVER TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) FOR TRIAL. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ADDED THAT THE HIJACKERS MIGHT EVEN BE SENTENCED TO DEATH. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE KUWAITIS AND OTHER ARABS MIGHT HOLD THE PLO'S FEET TO THE FIRE THIS TIME. (CONFIDENTIAL) KUWAIT 4429, 12/20. RUSH

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